

Water Quality Standards

Willamette Mercury MDV

Advisory Committee Meeting #1

Agenda

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| Time | Topic | Who |
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| 10:00 a.m. | Introductions and agenda review | |
| 10:15 a.m. | Advisory Committee Charter and ground rules | Alex Liverman |
| 10:30 a.m. | Project background | Debra Sturdevant |
| 11:10 a.m. | Federal and state variance rules and requirements | Debra Sturdevant |
| 11:40 a.m. | Overview of rulemaking – purpose, schedule, objectives | Aron Borok |
| 12:10 p.m. | Lunch break | |
| 1:00 p.m. | The need for the variance | Aron Borok |
| 2:00 p.m. | Effectiveness of treatment in reducing mercury | Aron Borok |
| 2:30 p.m. | Discussion and next steps | Aron Borok |
| 3:00 p.m. | Adjourn meeting | |

Objectives

- Committee members understand when a variance is an appropriate tool for NPDES permits and what benefits result.
- Committee members understand why DEQ has decided that variances are an appropriate tool for mercury in the Willamette Basin and why we are pursuing a multiple discharger variance, as well as the individual variances currently in progress.
- Committee members understand the process and documentation needed to develop and gain approval of a variance and how it will be used in permits.
- DEQ understands committee members' level of support, questions and concerns about the use of variances for mercury in the Willamette basin.
- Committee members provide, as follow-up to the meeting, any relevant information they may have regarding efficacy of treatment in removing mercury.

Materials

Advisory committee charter and membership list
Power Point Presentations
Copy of state and federal variance rules

Alternative formats

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